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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
David W. Vos et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3745  
Application No.: 10/051,304 ) Examiner: C. Verdier  
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For: OPTIMIZATION METHOD FOR )  
POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS )

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**SECOND STATUS INQUIRY**

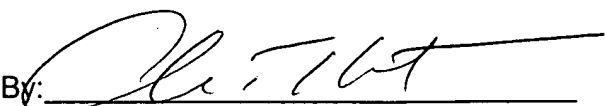
According to our records, this application was filed on January 22, 2002. Applicants filed a Status Inquiry letter on June 1, 2004, but Applicants have not received a response to that Status Inquiry, and Applicants still have not received an Office Action on the merits for this application.

In view of these circumstances, Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office advise them of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether any further action by Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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